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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTORS**

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Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,342,335, granted January 29, 2002 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled **POLYMETHINE COMPOUNDS, METHOD OF PRODUCING SAME AND USE THEREOF**

the specification of

which

was filed on January 23, 2004, as reissue application number 10/763,075 and was amended on January 23, 2004.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b), of the following application:

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(Number)Japan
(Country)June 21, 1999
(Month/Day/Year Filed)☒ ☐
Yes No

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below.

- by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

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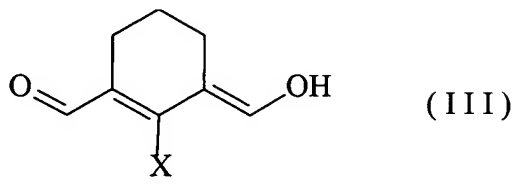
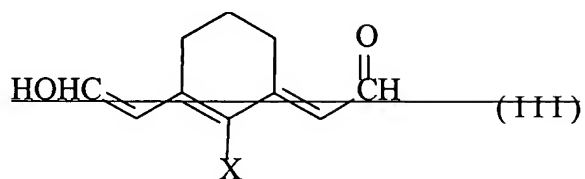
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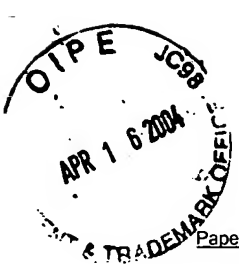
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Errors Corrected in Specification

The following error is corrected at:

- (1) Column 5, lines 25-34;
- (2) Column 30, lines 30-38;





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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant

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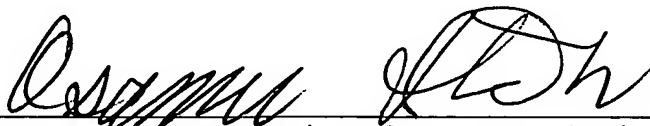
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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

The undersigned represents that the assignee of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,335 consents to the filing of reissue application no. 10/763,075 for the reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,342,335.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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